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Over 1,000 orange cones have been placed on Freedom Plaza today to signify the number of lives lost in work zones each year. The majority of the cones carry a black sash. This signifies the number of motorists killed each year in work zones. The remainder of the cones - donned with fluorescent yellow green sashes - represent lost roadway workers. Remember this stunning display the next time you enter a roadway work zone. (Cones provided by Protection Services, Inc., Harrisburg, Penn.)







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Motorists can take steps immediately to reduce the devastating statistic of 1,000 work zone fatalities each year. When entering a work zone, motorists should slow to posted speed limits, expect the unexpected (workers and their equipment), not change lanes, and refrain from in-vehicle distractions, such as cellular phone usage or on-board navigation systems. Transportation organizations, law enforcement agencies and other public and private organizations every April reflect on work zone safety issues in similar Work Zone Awareness Week events across the country. Work zones are part of the American culture. Constantly fine-tuning "safety" in our nation's work zones will continue to be a top priority for America's transportation industry.

Featured Speakers



Today's Master of Ceremonies is Dan Tangherlini, Director of D.C.-DOT. Mr. Tangherlini served as Acting Director of the former DOT in the Dept. of Public Works. Previously, he was CFO of the Metropolitan Police Department. Mr. Tangherlini also led the short-term action team that developed high-visibility short-term initiatives for the new Williams Administration. He also served as MPD deputy CFO. Before joining the District Government, Mr. Tangherlini was a senior program analyst in the office of the Secretary of Transportation. In the Office of Management and

Budget, he was a special assistant, a program examiner and a budget preparation specialist. He served on the core staff that developed the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act. Mr. Tangherlini earned BA and MPP degrees from the University of Chicago, and an MBA from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.



The featured guest speaker, Rep. Jay Inslee (D.-Wash.), previously served as Regional Director for Region X for the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services in Seattle. He was an attorney with Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell, Malanca, Peterson and Daheim. In the Fourth Congressional District, Washington State, Mr. Inslee served as Member to the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as a member of the Washington State House of Representatives. For Washington State, Mr. Inslee represented the 14th Legislative District for two terms, held Vice-Chair of the House

Appropriations Committee, and served on the Housing Committee, Judiciary Committee and the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committees. Mr. Inslee holds a BA degree in Economics from the University of Washington, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Williamette University School of Law.



Mary E. Peters is the U.S.-DOT FHWA Administrator. She leads FHWA efforts to improve safety and security, reduce congestion, and enhance mobility on America's roads and bridges. Previously, Ms. Peters was the Director of the Ariz.-DOT, where she served as contract administrator, deputy director for administration and deputy director. Ms. Peters also served on the Board of Directors for the Arizona Quality Alliance, Women Executives in State Government and the Army

National Guard Project Challenge. She chaired the Highway Expansion Loan Program Advisory Board, and was a member of the Greater Arizona Development Authority, as well as the Governor's Diversity Advisory Council. Ms. Peters has been involved in various transportation activities at the national level. She served on the Board of Directors for ITS America, chaired the Standing Committee on Planning and the Asset Management Task Force for AASHTO, and served as a member of the AASHTO 2001 Reauthorization Steering Committee. Ms. Peters holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Phoenix, and attended Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government Program for State and Local Government Executives.



James C. Codell III was appointed Secretary of Transportation for the Commonwealth of Kentucky by Governor Paul Patton on Oct. 1, 1996. Secretary Codell is the Chief Administrator for the Cabinet's 6,000 employees, overseeing a \$1.4 billion annual budget. Earlier, as Executive Vice President of Codell Construction Company, he directed operations in construction of dams, railroads and a segment of the Trans-Alaskan Pipeline System. Currently,

Secretary Codell serves as President of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, and on the Executive Committee for the Transportation Research Board.



Kathleen M. Buck Holst is the President of the American Traffic Safety Services Association. Ms. Holst is the previous ATSSA Illinois Chapter President and is presently on the ATSS Foundation Board of Directors. Ms. Holst also holds various other positions in the industry including serving on the Board of Directors of the Construction Safety Council. She is also a member of the Ill.-DOT Industry Joint Co-Op Committee and the ATSSA Safety and Public Awareness Committee. Ms. Holst is President and Founder of NES Traffic Safety LP, an Illi-

nois-based traffic control subcontractor in the highway construction industry and distributor of traffic safety devices. Ms. Holst earned a BA degree in Accounting from Bradley University. She is also a Certified Public Accountant.



Dominique Dawes is a three-time Olympian and Olympic Gold Medallist in gymnastics who is currently working with the American Road and Transportation Builders Association to help young drivers drive safely in roadway work zones. A native of Silver Spring, Md., Ms. Dawes has won more National Championship medals than any other athlete - male or female - as well as four World Championship medals. At the 1994 National Championships, she swept all

four events and won the All Around Title. In the 1996 Olympic Games, Ms. Dawes and her teammates stole the hearts of Americans with their team gold medal.



Stephen E. Sandherr joined the AGC of America staff in 1984 as Assistant Director for Collective Bargaining Services. He also served as AGC's Director of Congressional Relations and Labor. Mr. Sandherr practiced law with the firm of Thompson, Mann & Hudson in Washington, D.C. from 1989-1990, and served as Labor and Small Business Counsel for the National Association of Home Builders from 1990-1991. He rejoined AGC in 1991 as Executive Director of Congressional Relations and was promoted to CEO in 1997. Currently, Mr. Sandherr's

role is to maintain relations with AGC's 100 chapters nationwide, coordinate legislative activities, and enhance AGC's involvement with business coalitions. Mr. Sandherr graduated from the University of Scranton (Penn.), with a BS degree in Political Science. He earned his law degree from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. in 1983, and is a member of the Bar of the District of Columbia.



Virginia Governor Mark R. Warner appointed Pierce Homer as the Deputy Secretary of Transportation for Virginia in 2002. Before then, Mr. Homer served as Deputy County Executive for Prince William County, Va., from 1987 to 2002. He was responsible for numerous initiatives in several areas, including transportation and public safety. Mr. Homer led many regional efforts to improve planning and funding for transportation in Northern Virginia and across the Commonwealth. Mr. Homer has also worked in local governments and local governments.

ernment consulting in Texas and Virginia. Mr. Homer earned his BA degree from Haverford (Penn.), and his Masters of Public Affairs degree from the University of Texas at Austin.



Neil J. Pedersen was appointed to the position of Acting Administrator of the State Highway Administration of the Md.-DOT in January. In this position, he is responsible for an agency that maintains 17,000 lane-miles of roadway and 2,500 bridges. The agency is made up 3,400+ professionals who serve the traveling public daily. Prior-to serving as the Acting Administrator, Mr. Pederson served as the Deputy Administrator and Chief Engineer for Planning and Engineering at the Maryland State Highway Administration. In that position, he

oversaw the offices of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, Environmental Design, Bridge Development, Highway Development and Real Estate. Prior-to August 2000, he was Director of the Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering. A native of Massachusetts, Mr. Pedersen holds an undergraduate degree from Bucknell University, a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from Northwestern University and is a registered professional engineer.